

# Supporting Broadband Access & Digital Literacy:

## New Grant Opportunities for California's Public Libraries

Libraries in California have **new opportunities to apply for grant funds** supporting digital literacy through the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

This new **\$20 million fund** will award grants for “Broadband Access Programs” and “Digital Literacy Programs,” is aimed at **under-served, lower-income** residents and will give **preference to rural applicants**.

### Digital Literacy Grants:

*Supporting public access to computers & workspaces*

**Funding up to 85% of program costs and reimbursement for:**

- Education and outreach efforts (including travel, up to 10% of grant amount) and materials
- Printers and routers
- Provision of technical support for the installation of equipment subsidized through the program
- Desks and chairs to furnish a designated space for digital literacy
- Gathering, preparing, and distributing digital literacy curriculum (not creating new curriculum)
- Costs of digital literacy instructors

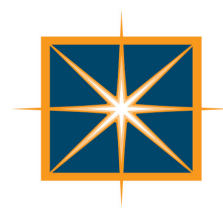
### Broadband Access Grants:

*Supporting educational programs on computer use & internet-based resources*

**Funding projects including:**

- Purchase of computing devices used in public spaces
  - up to \$750 per device, capped at 15 devices per space or project
  - device software costs will be considered a separate expense

***Up to \$5 million  
available in first year***



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**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning July 1, 2018.**

**Award decisions will be made semi-annually.**

**Go to <https://bit.ly/2t0HLjn> for more information**